



Public Safety Meeting December 19, 2020

Attendees: Mayor Rohan Hepkins, Councilor Dolores McCabe, Councilor Liana Roadcloud, Police Chief Anthony Paparo, Finance Director Nafis Nichols, Solicitor Charles M. Gibbs, Tom Abrams, Lauren Footman and Elmore Hunter.

Absent: Denise Stinson, Fire Chief Mike Diienzo, Code & Emergency Management Director/Fire Marshal Rufus Stokes, Public Works Director Jeff Wilkinson, Tax Collector Julianne James and Toni Truehart

The Meeting was conducted via Zoom and Discussions centered around the following:

Mayor Rohan Hepkins opened the meeting in prayer

Management will be working on cameras and lights to brighten areas that are dark in the Borough.

Solicitor is working on new ordinance for removing cars from sidewalks and driveways.

Elder Ave needs to be looked at for easy passage to let emergency vehicles come through and to make Elder Ave a one-way street.

There was discussion on how to remove an inactive Civil Service member. The Solicitor mentioned you must go to Court to remove a Civil Service Member, and you can have 3 Members and alternative members if needed.

Chief wants to Create a Program on Zoom so the residents can call in to speak to the Chief and every week a police officer will join in on a call.

Discussions were made talking about snow emergency and taking cars off the major streets. It was mentioned that most of the alleyways and streets were passable.

It was confirmed that most of the streets from a distance were taken care of. A member of the committee took pictures of ice-covered sidewalks and streets and they were in the area of the School District. It would be unsafe for residents and they should be made to clean up their property. Snow trucks was used to handle the tasks. A suggestion was

made to add more salt when we have a lot of ice and snow. Public Works, Code Department and the Fire Chief will discuss the salt issue and the best way to handle it.

Financial Director is working with Public Works Director and Code Director on hiring for each of their department, three interviews for Code and 4 interviews for Public Works has been set up.

Meeting ended with a benediction from Dr. Delores McCabe